

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please enter the following corrected paragraphs into the specification as follows:

Page 1, replace the paragraph starting at line 26 and extending to page 2 lines 1-7 with the following.

In view of the forgoing disadvantages inherent in the known types of accessories for shoelaces now present in the prior art, the present invention provides an improved cover with a safety factor for the shoelace eyes and lace ends by completely encapsulating these loose ends to both sides of the shoe. ~~There are three models for the present invention. Each uses the same basic principal.~~ As such, the general purpose of the present invention, which will be described subsequently in greater detail, is to provide a new and improved shoelace apparatus and method of use which has all the advantages of the prior art and none of the disadvantages.

Page 2, delete the paragraph starting at line 8 with the following.

~~To attain this, the present invention provides three models.~~

Page 2; replace the paragraph starting at lines 9 -20 with the following.

~~(1) The first cover, model #1, has~~ To attain this, the present invention provides an accessory for shoe laces with two

pieces, a left and right side for any shoe, which provide the same positioned apertures at the front end of each cover which accommodate the two lace ends so as to allow the lace ends to pass through the apertures and retain the cover to the laces. The shoe laces are then tied into a standard bow. The bow and the resulting tied shoelace end are both now folded inside the cover while a first attachment means, being a male part and a female part snap, are mated together thereby holding the bow and the tied shoelace end in place. The same scenario is provided for each side of the shoe. In this model the first attachment means is a male and female snap which are permanent attached to the cover. The back end of the cover has a second attachment means being the female side of the snap which is also permanently attached thereon the cover while the male end is permanently attached to the shoe itself.

Page 2; replace the paragraph starting at lines 21-25 with the following.

This second attachment, female snap, attached to the cover mates together with the third attachment means, being the male snap on the shoe, thereby creating the attachment means for the cover to the shoe. Both sides of the shoe have the same cover arrangement and attachment means. ~~Model #1~~ The accessory has its own individual sequence of installation instructions and can be placed on any style shoe.

Page 2, delete the paragraph starting at lines 26 and extending to page 3 and ending at line 9; and delete the

paragraph starting at line 10 on page 3 and ending at line 18 on page 3; and replace them with the following.

The present invention has an optional which comprises the exact same front end aperture means on the left and right side along with the same bow and tied shoelace end scenario. The cover in this option is made as a one piece construction, instead of two pieces. This option folds down into the shoe itself whereby the arch and weight of the person's foot holds this cover in place. A clip mean is not used in this model as the cover securing means. Instead, the first attachment means, the same as the two piece, is used to encapsulate the bow and tied shoelace end. One end fits on the left side, while the other end fits on the left side of any style shoe. This option also has its own individual sequence of installation instructions.

Page 3, replace the paragraph line 19-29 and extending to page 4 lines 1-6 with the following.

The common purpose ~~of all three~~ of the aforementioned ~~models~~ accessories is to provide a means to accept and retain the bow and tied shoelace end to both sides of a shoe, thereby providing a safety means so a person will not trip and fall because of untied loose shoelaces. ~~All three models~~ The shoelace accessories prevent the shoelace from coming loose and thereby untied while each of the three models are attachable to any style shoe. The cover described in each model is made of a soft flexible material such as cloth, plastic or the like which may be colored coordinated to match any shoe such as a dress or a

sports shoe such as a running shoe wherein the material may have a glow in the dark accent to help provide protection for runners. The ~~three models~~ shoelace accessory of the present invention succeed in providing an improvement over the prior art in this field. Further, an option in the present invention is for the manufacturer of the shoe to make ~~one or all of the models~~ the present shoelace accessory and add the model directly to their shoe line. There has thus been outlined, rather broadly, the ~~three models~~ shoelace accessory of the invention in order that the detailed description thereof that follows may be better understood, and in order that the present contribution to the art may be better appreciated. There are, of course, additional features of the present invention that will be described hereinafter and which will form the subject matter of the claims appended hereto.

Page 6; replace the paragraph starting at lines 7-11 with the following.

FIG. 4 is a drawing of the invention showing ~~the left side cover of Model #2~~ the one piece layout

~~FIG. 5 is a drawing of the invention showing the right side cover of Model #2.~~

~~FIG. 6 is a detailed drawing of Model #2 showing the cover being attached by the clip means to the side of the shoe.~~

~~FIG. 7 is a drawing of the invention showing the one piece layout of Model #3.~~

On page 6, replace the paragraph at lines 13-27 that

continues onto page 7 lines 1-4 with the following.

In Fig. 1 left side cover 1 of ~~model #1~~ accessory is shown with shoelace 3 and loose shoelace end 4 passing through aperture 5. Cover 1 is also shown with male snap 6 and female snap 7 which are snapped together thereby forming the finished attachment means for the left side cover 1 being used to fulfill the purpose of the present invention.. Female snap 8 is shown at the opposite or bottom end of cover 1. Fig. 2 shows the ~~model #1~~ right side cover 2 with shoelace 3 and loose shoelace end 4 passing through aperture 5. Cover 1 is also shown with male snap 6 and female snap 7 which also snap together thereby forming the finished attachment means for the right side cover 2. Fig. 3 shows the cover 1 of ~~model #1~~ with the female snap attachment means 8 attached there through cover 1 and aligned, so as to snap together, with male snap 9 which is attached to the side of shoe 12. ~~Fig. 4 shows the left side cover 10 of model #2 with aperture 5 therein with shoelace 3 and loose shoelace end 4 passing through aperture 5. Fig. 5 shows the right side cover 11 of model #2 with aperture 5 therein with shoelace 3 and loose shoelace end 4 passing through aperture 5. Fig. 6 shows clip 13 securing both sides of folded cover 10 to the side of shoe 12.~~ ~~Fig. 7~~ Fig. 4 shows ~~model #3~~ the optional accessory as a one piece constructed cover 14 with the wearer's foot 15 drawn in dotted lines so as to show the relationship of foot 15 to cover 14. The right and left side are shown with the same shoelace 3 and loose shoelace end 4 passing through aperture 5. Also shown is female snap means 7 with male snap means 6 on each side of cover 14.